

RECOMMENDATION 7

The Special Committee recommends that the legislation provide that an FAC will be issued only after a 28-day waiting period and after the successful completion of the implemented mandatory national competency and safety course. (Page 13)

RECOMMENDATION 8

The Special Committee recommends that a renewal procedure be established for those who wish to obtain another FAC after having gone through the full screening process recommended for first-time applicants. FACs under the new system will continue to be valid for a period of 5 years, and applications for renewal will have to be made either before the expiration date or within a reasonable period thereafter. A renewal procedure could be initiated by mail, but the renewal applicant would be required to appear in person to pick up the new certificate, and to have a current photo taken. While only a minimal check of criminal records and local police files would be necessary in all but unusual cases, the firearms officer would retain a discretion to conduct a further investigation, including requiring a personal interview, in appropriate circumstances. (Page 14)

RECOMMENDATION 9

The Special Committee further recommends that in those cases where the renewal application was made after the expiration of the FAC, but within a reasonable period thereafter, the firearms officer would also have the discretion to require the applicant to demonstrate competency on a basis similar to that applying to transitional applicants. (Page 15)

RECOMMENDATION 10

The Special Committee recommends that the fee for a renewal be set at \$10, subject to confirmation by the Canadian Advisory Council on Firearms that this figure is appropriate. (Page 15)

RECOMMENDATION 11

The Special Committee recommends that those who hold an FAC when a new screening system is implemented be permitted to renew their FAC when it expires pursuant to the rules pertaining to renewal. The Special Committee further recommends that there be a transitional period of two years after a new system is implemented during which those who own firearms but do not have a current FAC can obtain one under special rules. Specifically, they should be allowed to fulfill the recommended competency requirement for first-time FAC applicants without having to take a training course. The Special Committee has suggested several ways in which this might be accomplished, but it will be the ultimate responsibility of the government to ensure that a fair and workable system is devised. (Page 16)

RECOMMENDATION 12

The Special Committee recommends that only a single level of training be developed as part of the FAC process, and that this single level of training be as comprehensive as necessary to deal with all firearms. (Page 17)